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In re Reissue Application of:
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b)

Applicant hereby requests an Oral Hearing of the Appeal in this application. This request is being filed concurrently with Appellant's Appeal Brief.

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Resolution of the recapture issue:

Claim 2 is barred by recapture. The limitation omitted in the reissue is "orange peel," and omission of "orange peel" is related to subject matter surrendered in the original application. The presence of the "orange peel" limitation and the resultant sweetness argued in the original application became an integral part of the claim, and absent the "orange peel" limitation and the resultant sweetness has been surrendered. Claim 2 has the alternative species "lemon peel," but it omits the "orange peel" limitation with its resultant sweetness. Accordingly, even though claim 2 is narrower in that it requires the lemon peel limitation, there is impermissible recapture, and claim 2 should be rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251, as such.

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The above examples provide guidance in common fact situations involving recapture issues which may arise. Where variants of these fact situations arise for which the examiner is unsure of their resolution, the Special Program Examiner(s) of the Technology Centers should be consulted.

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